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PRAGUE-GDANSK LOCOMOTIVE SETS RECORD;
TO INCREASE OCEAN FLEET

RUNS 45,302 KILOMETERS WITHOUT REPAIRS -- Dziennik Polski, No 17, 18 Jan 50

The record-making PM-2 locomotive, No 5, running between Prague and Gdansk, has traveled 45,302 kilometers without repairs and without cleaning of the boiler.

Six railroadmen from Bydgoszcz who applied a system introduced by Soviet railroadmen are responsible for this excellent performance. This system stresses close attention to the technical and thermic conditions, constant checking of the mechanism in action, and immediate repairs of minor defects. The use of a special chemical substance in the water eliminates the necessity of cleaning the boiler, ordinarily required after a run of 2,000 kilometers.

WILL TRIPLE NUMBER OF OCEAN VESSELS -- Dziennik Polski, No 1, 1 Jan 50

Under the Six-Year Plan, the number of ocean-going vessels will be triple the 1949 figure and cargo traffic will increase to 2.5 times that of 1949.

Szczecin will handle 170 percent more transshipments than heretofore, and the Gdansk-Gdynia Complex, 11 percent more.

The small ports, Darlowo, Ustka, etc., will be converted into fishing ports exclusively. With an increased fishing fleet, the catches should increase. The Baltic supplies 70,000 tons of fish a year, the maximum yield possible. Under the Six-Year Plan, fishing beyond the Baltic will be expanded.

SHIPPING ACTIVITY AT SZCZECIN -- Slowo Katolickie, No 5, 11 Feb 50

Shipping activity in the port of Szczecin is constantly increasing. In 1949, 3,008 ships used the port facilities.

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